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FOREWORD

Of the four football codes played in Queensland, soccer has by far the largest number of participants. This season, around 40 000 Queenslanders will take part in competitions organised by the Queensland Soccer Federation and its affiliates.

The popularity of soccer in Queensland has grown continuously since the State's first official match was played on a South Brisbane paddock in 1883.

The growth in Queensland soccer has been especially dramatic during the past 10 years. In that period, junior registrations have risen by 100%; women's soccer has become firmly established; and, in the Brisbane area alone, the senior competition has been expanded to include more than 150 teams. Similar progress has been made in other centres throughout the State.

As the code begins its second century, the Queensland Soccer Federation looks forward to the coming years safe in the knowledge that we have solid foundations on which to build.

Ald Ian Brusasco
President

Queensland Soccer Federation

COVER PHOTOGRAPHS

Top left: Some of the members of the inaugural Queensland squad which toured New South Wales in 1890. The date of the photograph is uncertain but, judging by the apparent ages of those photographed, it was taken several years after 1890. The team's manager and one of the State's great soccer pioneers, Andrew Rankine, is pictured at the far right of the back row.

Top right: The 1920 Queensland team, pictured second from the right in the second front row is half-back Alex Gibb. Two years later, Gibb captained the Australian team on a 14-match tour of New Zealand.

Bottom: The 1983 Queensland players celebrate after defeating New South Wales 3-0 in a match played at Perry Park as part of the celebrations held to mark 100 years of Queensland Soccer.



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Brief History of Queensland

by Rory Crowe

"Following the recent meeting at Aaron's Exchange Hotel, the new Wanderers Club will engage a team from King's School in a game of English Association Football on Parramatta Common on the afternoon of August 14. Onlookers welcome."

This notice, circulated near Sydney in 1880, announced the first official soccer match to be played on Australian soil. The game ended in a 5-0 victory to the Wanderers side.

Soccer quickly spread to the other colonies. In Queensland, the sport had its official beginnings on a vacant South Brisbane allotment in 1883.

First Club

Queensland's first club, Rangers, was founded by a group of Scots who had become bored with Rugby.

The prime mover in the formation of Rangers was Andrew Rankine who, seven years later, managed Queensland's first representative soccer team.

Since the foundation of the Rangers club, precise details of some aspects of the history of soccer in Queensland have, unfortunately, been misplaced. Other records were destroyed or badly damaged when the 1974 Brisbane floods inundated much of the Queensland Soccer Federation's headquarters at Perry Park.

Nevertheless, it is known that in 1884 regular fixtures commenced between Rangers, Queen's Park and St Andrews (all names with Scottish connections) for a trophy organised by the Anglo-Queensland Football Association. Rangers won the first championship.

Many Changes

The remaining years of the 1880s saw many changes. New teams were formed, others disbanded. In the Ipswich area, the first official soccer match took place in June 1886.

One of the earliest Brisbane teams, St Andrews, split into two teams: Thistle and St Andrews. Normans later replaced Thistle, but not before the latter had visited Blackstone to play

Rovers in Queensland's first 'Brisbane v Ipswich' match. The game, played in 1888, ended in a 2-2 draw.

New Association

In 1889, a new association — The Queensland British Football Association — was formed. In the same year, the code's headquarters were moved from the old Pineapple Paddock, near the present Pineapple Hotel at Kangaroo Point, to the Drill Grounds at East Brisbane.

The following year, 1890, Queensland's first representative team visited New South Wales. The 14-man squad was undefeated in four games, including two against New South Wales.

Despite the on-field successes of the Queensland team, the tour was a financial failure. To make matters worse, the end of the tour coincided with the Great Maritime Strike and the players were forced to find their own way home from Sydney.

Challenge Cup

A new local competition, a four-team Challenge Cup, was introduced in

Bush Rats, 1890

Back Row (left to right): J. Campbell, M. Bailey, J. Besgrove, G. Duck, B. Campbell. Middle Row: Jack Jeffery, W. Duck, O. Coleman, W. Jeffery. Front Row: J. Skellern, Joe Jeffery, D. Franklin, W. Bailey.



1892. Teams to take part in the first year were Alloways, Athletics and Normans from Brisbane; and the famous Dinmore side, Bush Rats.

Alloways were an unusual side as they included several Australian Rules and Rugby players. Their record was also unusual — they failed to win a match in two seasons! Their home ground, then known as 'The Dairy', is now better known as Davies Park, home of Brisbane rugby league club Souths.

Popularity Grows

By the 1890s, with the waning of the early local popularity of Australian Rules, soccer had become the second most popular football code in Brisbane after Rugby.

The code was also becoming increasingly popular in country areas and, by 1896, was played in several centres including Maryborough and Rockhampton.

Further progress occurred in 1898, when a New South Wales representative team visited Queensland for the first time. Two games were played, both in

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Brisbane. On each occasion, Queensland won by the narrow margin of three goals to two.

Long 'Shorts'

The playing gear worn by Queensland soccer players about the turn of the century was very different from that worn today.

'Shorts' were knee length or longer; shin pads were worn outside short socks; and, as there were no football boots in those days, players fixed strips of leather to the soles of their work boots to prevent slipping.

Rankine Again

By 1910, seven teams — Bulimba Rangers, Bush Rats, Eskgroves, Milton, Valley, Wellington and Woodville — were taking part in the Cup Competition.

In the same year, Queensland's first referee's association was formed. The State's great soccer pioneer, Andrew Rankine, was elected inaugural president adding yet another 'first' to his remarkable list of achievements during the early years of soccer in Queensland.

Curtailed

The growth of soccer in Queensland was curtailed by the First World War. By the early 1920s, however, significant progress was being made in several centres. In the premiership competition, Ipswich teams figured prominently. Bush Rats winning in 1921 and Bundamba Rangers the following year.

The premiership-winning Rangers side was captained by half-back Alex Gibb, who also had the honour of captaining the first Australian soccer team when it toured New Zealand in 1922.

Seven Queenslanders

In New Zealand, the Australians won nine and drew one of the 14 matches played. A total of seven Queensland players, including Gibb, were in the touring party. The manager was also a Queensland, Mr A. Morgan.

Rising soccer standards throughout Australia resulted, in 1925, in the first visit to this country by a squad representing the English Football Association. The English team played in five States, including four games in

Queensland: two in Brisbane; one each in Ipswich and Bundaberg.

In Brisbane, the English defeated Queensland 11-0 and, one week later, Australia 5-1. Latrobe half-back Bert Murray played in both games. His appearance in the second game made him the first Queensland to play soccer for Australia against England.

Twelve years later, Murray was still playing for Queensland and captained the State side which was defeated 2-1 by the second visiting British side, the England national amateur team.

Split

In between the visits of the two English sides, a 'split' occurred in Queensland soccer.

In the early 1920s, the code had secured the Brisbane Cricket Ground as its headquarters. For several seasons, most of the 'big' matches were played there. Unfortunately, a dispute arose in the late 1920s concerning the distribution of gate money when Brisbane and Ipswich teams were playing at the 'Gabba'.

Officials from both cities could not agree. As a result, each group decided to organise its own championships. Playing standards suffered and, not long afterwards, rugby league gained the use of the 'Gabba' ground.

Although Oxley and Thistle participated in Ipswich fixtures in the early years of the 1930s, the 'split' continued well into that decade. Latrobe dominated the Brisbane competition for much of the period,



Bundamba Rangers, Premiers 1922

Back Row (left to right): H. Powell (Secretary), J. Routledge, A. Hales (Trainer), A. Heaton, J. Allan. Second Row: R. Murphy, A. Smith, C. Gedge, W. Lindsay, P. Pedley, J. McKay, J. Smith (Treasurer). Front Row: W. Routledge, J. Pedley, A. Pedley, A. Gibb (Captain), M. Burton, A. Lebetter, T. Heaton. Insets: W. Mathewson, P. Hamilton (President), G. Long.

winning the premiership on five consecutive occasions from 1929 to 1933 (inclusive) and again in 1935.

Golden Years

After World War II, the influx of migrants from Britain and other parts of Europe considerably stimulated the growth of soccer in many parts of Australia.

In Queensland, new clubs were formed and existing ones expanded in centres as far afield as Bundaberg, Cairns, Gympie, Mackay, Townsville, Mount Morgan, Innisfail and Ayr.

The immediate post-war period is, however, best remembered as the beginning of the 'golden years' of Ipswich soccer.

In the late 1940s and 1950s, Ipswich provided many of Australia's best players. Internationals such as Bobby Lawrie, Lex Gibb and Gordon 'Bunny' Nunn were household names to all Australian soccer fans. The many other Ipswich internationals of the period included Cliff Sander, and the Kitching cousins, Col and Spencer.

On the local scene, Ipswich teams dominated the premiership, with Rats, Rovers, Rangers or St Helens winning eight of the 12 premierships decided between 1946 and 1957. Ipswich also dominated the annual inter-city Kruger Cup competition against Brisbane, winning nine of the 13 series decided from 1948 to 1960.

Exodus

The end of the 'golden' period of Ipswich soccer began in the mid-1950s, when an increasing number of players were lured by money to Brisbane clubs. Both Kitchings and Cliff Sander were amongst the first to move. Others to join the exodus included Kathage, Kelly, McKenna, Warren and Vogler.

The loss of so many top players had a dramatic effect on the Ipswich clubs. Not only did results suffer, but clubs were forced to merge. Bush Rats joined Redbank to form Redbank-Dinmore. In 1964, Blackstone and Bundamba merged to form Coalstars and two years later, in April 1966, Redbank-Dinmore merged with their near



Bundamba Rangers, Premiers 1955

Back Row (left to right): C. Kitching, S. Kitching, W. Jenkins, K. Kitching, G. Petie. Third Row: D. Coleman (Trainer), K. Phillips, B. Parkes, J. Auld (Committee), R. Rule, R. Jones, R. Millar (Committee). Second Row: N. Harris (Committee), G. Kathage, K. Maker (Committee), M. Berry (Assistant Secretary), K. Brown, W. Dixon (Committee). Sitting: D. Williams (Treasurer), D. Smily, W. Lawrie (President), R. Lawrie (Captain), W. Mitchell (Secretary), N. Rule (Vice-captain), G. Kitching (Manager). In front: W. Kitching, G. Kitching.

neighbours St Helens to form St Helens United (now known as Ipswich United).

Visiting Sides

Another post-war development in Queensland soccer resulted from the improved communications between Australia and the rest of the world, particularly Europe.

Prior to the war, visits by overseas teams had been few and far between. However, starting with the visit of the South African team in 1947, tours by at least one overseas side have become an almost annual event. The English and Chinese national sides are amongst those to have visited Queensland. The many other overseas teams to play in Queensland include such well-known club sides as AC Milan, AS Roma, Heart of Midlothian, Wolverhampton Wanderers, Everton, Manchester United, Manchester City, Moscow Torpedo and Moscow Dynamo.

Names banned

With the end of the 'golden years' of Ipswich soccer, the spotlight moved to Brisbane. The Queensland Soccer Federation replaced the Brisbane and Ipswich Soccer Football Association in 1961 and, nine years later in 1970, the code's headquarters were established at Perry Park.

At the beginning of the 1973 season, ethnic club names were banned in an attempt to widen the appeal of local soccer. As a result, Azzuri became known as Brisbane City; Hollandia became Lions; Hellenic became St George South; and Polonia were renamed North Brisbane United.

Four seasons later, in 1977, Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions were chosen to represent Queensland in the National Soccer League of Australia. Both clubs have remained in the National League ever since. Though neither has won the League championship, both have been successful in the National League Cup

Competition: City winning twice, in 1977 and 1978; Lions once, in 1981.

During the mid-1970s, interest in the Kruger Cup waned to such an extent that the competition was discontinued. Nevertheless, in 1979, soccer became the first football code in Queensland to establish a State League.

The League continued for four seasons until it was replaced by a 12-team Premier League in 1983. Proposals for a comprehensive restructuring of the local soccer scene were prepared during and after the 1983 season. After some controversy, the amended proposals were accepted for implementation in 1984.

International Matches

Another recent development in Queensland soccer is an increased involvement in the international sphere.

In 1981, the State hosted part of the Finals of the FIFA World Youth Championship. Four teams — Poland, the USA, Uruguay and Qatar — met in a series of matches played under floodlights at Lang Park, Brisbane.

Australian captain, John Kosmina, strides towards the English goal in the Australia v. England match played in Brisbane on 15 June 1983.

Photo courtesy
Courier-Mail



Two years later, in 1983, Lang Park was again the venue for international soccer when Australia played England. The closely contested game was decided, in England's favour, by a second half goal scored by striker Paul Walsh.

Rapid Growth

Player registrations, particularly in the women's and junior ranks, have increased rapidly in recent years.

Now, more than 27 500 juniors and 1100 women play soccer regularly throughout the State. At the Senior level, there are more than 350 teams and 6500 registered players.

Without doubt, soccer in Queensland has come a long way since Andrew Rankine's Rangers side out-pointed St Andrews and Queens Park to win the code's first flag 100 seasons ago.

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Personalities of Queensland

Since 1883, many thousands of people (in a great variety of ways) have contributed to the development of soccer in Queensland. It would, of course, be impossible to list all of them in this booklet. Instead, we present 'career summaries' of 10 notable Queensland soccer personalities from the latter half of the code's first century. The 'summaries' are presented in alphabetical order.



**Ian
Brusasco**

Ian Brusasco became associated with soccer in 1956 when he was appointed Secretary of the then Azzurri Soccer Club, now known as Brisbane City.

In 1961, he moved to correct what he thought was wrong with soccer in Brisbane, the result of which saw the birth of the Queensland Soccer Federation. Ian was the Federation's inaugural President for the period 1961 – 1966. It was also at this time that he joined the Executive of the Australian Soccer Federation.

World Cup

Ian became heavily involved with the Australian Team development and was co-manager of the first Australian World Cup team that played North Korea in Cambodia. (Australia lost 1–6.)

In 1970, he was tour leader of the Australian team on the World Cup tour preparing for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany. Also in 1974, he was tour leader of the Australian under-23 team that toured Indonesia on a cultural mission.

As well as being a member of the Australian Soccer Federation's World Cup Committee since its inception in 1965, Ian Brusasco has also served on the Tours, Finance and National League Committees.

Life Member

In addition, Ian has the distinction of being the first Life Member of three local organisations: the Queensland Soccer Federation; the Queensland Soccer Club and the Sportsmen's Association (Queensland Branch). He is also a Life Member of the Australian Soccer Federation and of Brisbane City Soccer Club.

On the death of Bill Waddell in March 1980, Ian Brusasco was again elected as President of the Queensland Soccer Federation.



**Vince
Dobinson**

Vince Dobinson began his career as a referee in 1953, at the age of 25 years. During his early career, he was tutored by the well-known Jimmy Perotte. Vince styled himself on Perotte, whom he describes as 'a talking more than whistling referee, with a flair to allow play to flow'.

Vince rose quickly through the refereeing ranks and, within two years, had the honour of officiating in the Queensland v. Rapide Austria match played under floodlights. He soon became regarded not only as one of Queensland's top referees but, also, one of the best in Australia.

FIFA Badge

In 1965, Vince was placed on the FIFA International Referee's list. Other highlights of his career include refereeing the Queensland v. Manchester United game, played in front of a crowd of 30,000 at the Exhibition Grounds; and being chosen as a neutral referee for the 1969 South Pacific Games.

Vince remembers that there were also some great moments in ordinary club games. 'Every game was a chal-

lenge, and there were few I didn't enjoy.'

A former President of both the local referees' association and the national body of referees – the Australian Soccer Referees Federation, Vince Dobinson 'hung up his whistle' in 1974.



**Stan
Dye**

Stan Dye migrated to Queensland from England in 1950. After settling at Redcliffe, he joined the fledgling local club Redcliffe Rangers (now Redcliffe City) in 1953.

Stan played for Redcliffe until 1962. As well as playing, he became involved in club administration, serving as Secretary from 1955 to 1961.

Established New Club

In 1963, observing that there was a need in the Redcliffe district for a junior soccer club, Stan and some former team-mates established the Redcliffe City Junior Club. Stan became heavily involved in the administration of the new club, filling the positions of Secretary and, later, President until 1969.

The following year, Stan was elected to the Management Committee of the Brisbane Junior Soccer Association and served from 1971 until 1974. He was one of the initiators of the regular representative visits between the Brisbane Association and several Sydney districts.

In 1975, Stan Dye was appointed Secretary of the Brisbane Junior Soccer Association. During his term of office, he helped lay the foundations for the reorganisation of that rapidly expanding association into two smaller bodies.

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Steering Committees

Around the same time, problems in the organisation of junior soccer on a State-wide basis resulted in the appointment of Stan, by the Queensland Soccer Federation, to serve on steering committees set up to revitalise the administration of junior soccer throughout the State.

The work of the committees resulted in the formation of the Queensland Junior Soccer Council. Stan was elected to the QJSC at the inaugural meeting. Since then, he has served as a management committee member; as Secretary; and as President.

First Queenslander

At the 1983 Annual General Meeting of the Queensland Junior Soccer Council, Stan was elected a Life Member of that Body. This coincided with his election as Chairman of the National Junior Soccer Council. He is the first Queenslander to hold that position. ●



**Jim
Hermiston**

A former Scottish under-23 international; a member of the 1974 Scottish World Cup training squad; the 1974 Scottish 'Player of the Year'; and a former captain of the Scottish Police team, Jim Hermiston became one of the most experienced players ever to sign for a Queensland soccer team when he joined Grange Thistle in 1977.

Thistle and City!

That year, Jim helped Thistle win the First Division and guested throughout the season for Brisbane City, with whom he won a Philips Cup medal.

In 1978, Jim joined Brisbane Lions for a then record fee of \$30,000. He was signed both as a player and as Director of Junior Coaching.

Jim played more than 100 games for Lions. During that time, he won two national 'Player of the Year' awards, and was voted 'Man of the Match' in Lions 1981 Philips Cup Final victory in Canberra.

After retiring from playing in 1981, Jim joined Brisbane City as Director of Junior Coaching at the beginning of the 1982 season. The following year, he coached City's National League team.

Jim Hermiston resumed his playing career with North Star early in the 1984 season. ●



**Bob
Lawrie**

One of the most skilful players ever produced in Queensland, Bob Lawrie represented Australia at Senior level 24 times, captaining his country on 15 occasions.

Bob started playing soccer at the age of 10, when a pupil at Silkstone State School. After representing Queensland as a Junior, he played for his first Senior team, Blackstone Rovers (now Coalstars) in 1939 at the age of 19, when the photograph (above) was taken. In his first season, Bob played intercity, interstate and international soccer!

Overseas and Interstate

During World War II, while a navigator in the RAAF, Bob guested with Brentford in the London League. Returning to Queensland after successful seasons in South Australia and New South Wales, he toured New Zealand as Australian vice-captain in 1948.

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In 1949, Bob played in all five tests against Hadjuk (Yugoslavia) and, during the following year, captained the successful Australian side which toured South Africa.

Australian Captain

In 1951, Bob had the rare distinction of captaining Australia in five games against the visiting English professionals.

In 1963, at the age of 43, Bob shared the coveted *Courier-Mail* 'Best and Fairest' award with Cliff Sander, and then decided to 'call it a day'.

Since his retirement, Bob has coached schoolboy sides and Coalstars junior teams. He treasures the fact that he has been made a life member of both the Ipswich Schools Sports Association and the Queensland State Primary Schools Soccer Football Association. ●



**Harry
Linning**

Harry Linning's interest in soccer began with his appointment to the Deaf School as a pupil-teacher in 1927. On his retirement in 1977, he could look back on 50 years involvement in soccer as a coach, team manager and administrator.

Harry is a Life Member of School Soccer, School Sports Association and Annerley Recreation Club. He is also a Patron of the latter body and Vice-Patron of Brisbane South Junior Soccer.

In addition to his activities for schoolboy soccer, Harry instigated the first Intra-State tour for any sport in any age group when, in 1953, a combined Brisbane and Ipswich schoolboys team travelled to Cairns, playing at Mackay, Townsville, Cairns, Ayr and Rockhampton. He encouraged and

guided further Intra-State Competitions which became yearly events: firstly, The Gino Paris Cup; and more recently, The Harry Linning Cup. These carnivals provided the incentive for boys to play soccer in many areas and to strive to represent their cities.

Now in retirement, he attends every Harry Linning Cup and proudly presents his trophy to the winners, at the same time giving encouragement to every competitor. ●



**Bill
Malcolm**

Bill Malcolm became the Inaugural Secretary of the Queensland Soccer Federation in September 1961.

Bill's serious interest in Soccer began in February 1945, when he successfully passed his referee's examination in Glasgow, Scotland.

Townsville first

In 1952, Bill and his family moved to Australia. For a short period, they settled in Townsville before moving to Brisbane. Whilst in the North, Bill refereed intercity games in Townsville, Ayr and Cairns.

During the 1953-54 season, Bill began to make his mark as a referee in the Brisbane and Ipswich Soccer Football Association.

Olympic Panel and FIFA Badge

The biggest thrill of Bill's career was his selection on the panel of referees to control matches during the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne. A further acknowledgment of his standing in the refereeing world came in 1957, when he was appointed to the FIFA Referees Panel.

Bill decided in 1960 to 'put away' his whistle and, for a short period,

became Secretary of the Brisbane and Ipswich Soccer Football Association until the creation of the Queensland Soccer Federation in 1961.

In July 1962, the clubs within the Federation decided to make the position a full-time job and Bill was appointed. He served in the position until 1974.

Bill Malcolm is proud to be a Life Member of the Queensland Soccer Federation. ●



**Gordon
'Bunny'
Nunn**

Gordon 'Bunny' Nunn was the most successful of the many Nunns who made their mark on soccer in the Ipswich area at various times during the past 100 years.

Outstanding Goal-scorer

A top class centre forward, 'Bunny' Nunn represented Queensland from 1946 until 1962. His outstanding goal-scoring ability also resulted in him being chosen to represent Australia in 11 full internationals and 16 Test matches.

In 1950, he was leading scorer in the Australian squad which toured South Africa. His total of 18 goals in all representative games was a record for an Australian international.

Coached Queensland

'Bunny' transferred from St Helens to Azzurri, Brisbane, in 1960, where he spent three seasons as player/coach. He also coached Queensland from 1962-65, during which time the State side won the BOAC Tournament against New Caledonia, South Island, North Island, New South Wales and Tasmania in New Zealand.

'Bunny' finished his career coaching Hellenic in 1966. By which time, he

had scored more than 640 goals in club, intercity, interstate and international soccer. ●



Bill Waddell

Bill Waddell served a record 14 years as President of the Queensland Soccer Federation from 1966 until his death, aged 60, in March 1980.

His ties with soccer began with his father Bob, who was a founder member of the Grange Thistle Club.

Bill joined the Thistle club and later was a member of the QSF's management committee when the Federation was formed in 1961, later starting his term as President.

Soccer Headquarters

The code made considerable advances under Bill's leadership, the major breakthrough being the establishment of soccer headquarters at Perry Park. He was also instrumental in forming the Queensland Soccer Club, which he also served as President.

Another major achievement was the setting up of the code's State League, a first in football in Queensland, with the inaugural season kicking off in 1979.

A third significant occurrence during Bill's presidency was the decision to abolish ethnic club names, in a bid to win the code more widespread appeal.

ASF Delegate

Bill Waddell served for many years as Queensland delegate to the Australian Soccer Federation, where the State's interests were served through his rapport with ASF President Sir Arthur George.

The code also benefitted by the setting up of regional directors of

coaching throughout the State during Bill's term of office.

Bill was awarded the MBE for his services to soccer, and sport in general. He helped to establish and was chairman of the Major Sporting Bodies Association. ●



Elaine Watson

Elaine Watson's interest in soccer dates back to 1963 when her eldest son joined Annerley Juniors. Her increasing involvement since then has led to a wide-ranging experience in the many facets of the sport and covers a three-year span as Junior Controller in Mackay, where she also served as Mackay Junior Soccer Association Secretary and Representative Team Selector; and organised several cadet referee courses.

Coach, Administrator and Referee

Returning to Brisbane in 1970, Elaine became coach/manager for two under-

13 sides and then progressed to become Assistant Secretary of the Brisbane Junior Soccer Association. She also gained the distinction of being qualified by the ASRF as the first woman soccer referee in Australia.

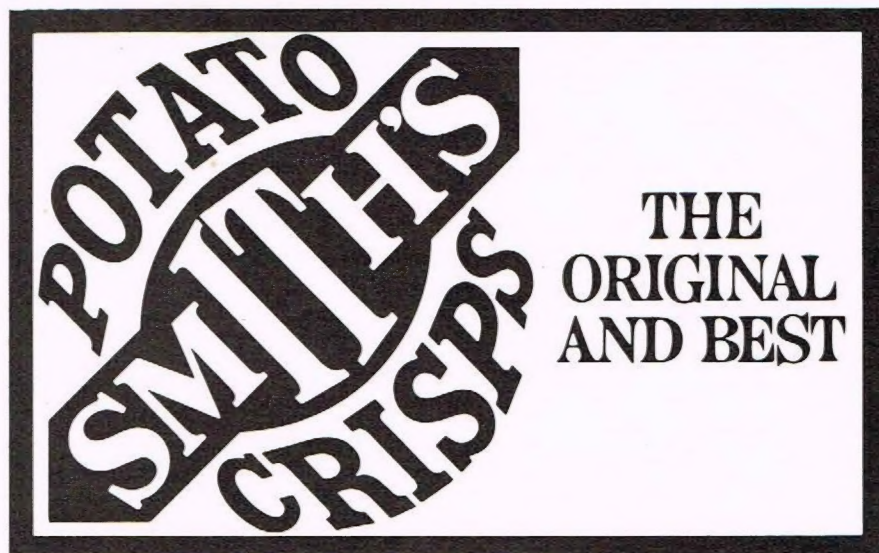
In 1974, the BJSA (which then controlled the women's eight-team competition) was invited to send a team to the first Australian Women's Soccer Championships in Sydney. Elaine was delegated to select, coach and manage Queensland's team.

This initial contact was the springboard which launched her into women's soccer and, in 1975, she helped form the South Queensland Women's Soccer Association and has served as President, Treasurer and Life Member at various times since then.

Elected President

Having been the inaugural Vice-President of the Australian Women's Soccer Association from 1974-76, Elaine was then elected President in 1977 and Life Member in 1981 and has presided over the development of women's soccer on the national and international scene.

In 1982, Australia and New Zealand were instrumental in creating the Oceania Women's Football Confederation. Elaine became Vice-President of that body. ●



Final Placings, Centenary Season

The unpredictability of knock-out soccer is well-illustrated by a comparison of the 1983 premiership and grand final results for the Premier and Premier Reserve Leagues; Divisions 1-7 (including Divisions 1 and 2 reserves); and

the Premier Colts and Colts 'A' Leagues.

Only six of the 13 premiership winners went on to be successful in their Grand Finals also.

	<i>Premiers</i>	<i>Runners-Up</i>	<i>Champions</i>	<i>Runners-Up</i>
Premier League	Mount Gravatt	Olympic United	Olympic United	Brisbane Lions
Premier League Reserves	Mount Gravatt	Acacia Ridge	Mount Gravatt	Ipswich United
Division 1	Wynnum	Newmarket	Wynnum	Mitchelton
Division 1 Reserves	Coalstars	Wynnum	Coalstars	Wynnum
Division 2	Nerang	Redlands United	Redlands United	Nerang
Division 2 Reserves	Redlands United	Souths United	Redlands United	Souths United
Division 3	Virginia	Inala City	Oxley United	Inala City
Division 4	North Star	Slacks Creek	Greenbank	North Star
Division 5	Beenleigh	Ipswich City	Inala City	Beenleigh
Division 6	Willowburn	Kingsridge	Willowburn	Kingsridge
Division 7	Capalaba	Wynnum	Wynnum	Capalaba
Premier Colts	Acacia Ridge	Ipswich United	Acacia Ridge	Mount Gravatt
Colts A	Newmarket	Wynnum	Wynnum	Newmarket

Premier League	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Mount Gravatt	22	16	3	3	47	18	35
Olympic United	22	14	4	4	42	22	32
Ipswich United	22	13	4	5	46	24	30
Brisbane Lions	22	13	2	7	44	29	28
Grange Thistle	22	11	5	6	40	25	27
Acacia Ridge	22	9	3	10	27	23	21
Eastern Suburbs	22	8	5	9	21	35	21
Sunnyside United	22	7	6	9	31	36	20
Valley Trident	22	6	4	12	28	42	16
North Star	22	4	8	10	33	48	16
Taringa Rovers	22	4	2	16	30	58	10
Brisbane City	22	2	4	16	19	48	8

Division 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Wynnum	22	16	5	1	63	18	37
Newmarket	22	12	7	3	46	27	31
Mitchelton	22	12	5	5	46	19	29
Coalstars	22	11	7	4	46	22	29
Annerley	22	11	3	8	32	29	25
Goodna	22	8	6	8	46	44	22
Redcliffe City	22	8	5	9	39	37	21
Bardon Latrobe	22	8	5	9	40	41	21
Darra United	22	8	3	11	37	41	19
Rochedale Rovers	22	3	10	9	32	47	16
Pine Rivers	22	4	4	14	25	51	12
Nambour Reds	22	1	—	21	12	88	2

Premier Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Mount Gravatt	22	16	4	2	60	17	36
Acacia Ridge	22	15	3	4	52	17	33
Ipswich United	22	10	8	4	50	27	28
Grange Thistle	22	12	4	6	37	17	28
Taringa Rovers	22	9	7	6	34	31	25
North Star	22	10	4	8	35	32	24
Brisbane Lions	22	9	5	8	35	36	23
Eastern Suburbs	22	6	7	9	32	32	19
Brisbane City	22	6	5	11	40	39	17
Valley Trident	22	6	4	12	30	42	16
Olympic United	22	3	4	15	13	51	10
Sunnyside United	22	1	3	18	25	102	5

Division 1 Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Coalstars	22	16	3	3	66	18	35
Wynnum	22	16	3	3	60	23	35
Mitchelton	22	14	2	6	64	27	30
Annerley	22	11	8	3	49	22	30
Rochedale Rovers	22	12	4	6	56	37	28
Newmarket	22	12	1	9	64	36	25
Darra United	22	11	3	8	50	43	25
Goodna	22	8	3	11	58	40	19
Bardon Latrobe	22	7	1	14	37	79	15
Redcliffe City	22	6	2	14	48	50	14
Pine Rivers United	22	4	—	18	34	78	8
Nambour Reds	22	—	—	22	7	140	0

Division 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Nerang	22	15	4	3	59	28	34
Redlands United	22	15	3	4	68	19	33
Kingsridge	22	9	6	7	40	33	24
St. Albans	22	9	6	7	37	38	24
Salisbury	22	10	3	9	29	41	23
Riverside United	22	10	2	10	43	46	22
Souths United	22	7	7	8	34	33	21
The Gap Pastime	22	7	5	10	32	36	19
Westside	22	5	9	8	33	42	19
Southside Eagles	22	6	4	12	21	36	16
Bayside United	22	6	3	13	30	57	15
Industrial United	22	4	6	12	33	50	14

Division 2 Reserves	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Redlands United	18	15	3	—	82	9	33
Souths United	18	15	2	1	56	13	32
The Gap Pastime	18	12	2	4	54	18	26
Kingsridge	18	11	—	7	46	22	22
Nerang	18	9	—	9	34	38	18
Westside	18	6	1	11	35	61	13
Industrial United	18	5	2	11	21	62	12
St. Albans	18	4	1	13	23	49	9
Southside Eagles	18	2	4	12	14	53	8
Riverside United	18	2	3	13	16	56	7

Division 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Virginia	22	17	1	4	57	21	35
Inala City	22	13	5	4	48	19	31
Oxley United	22	12	5	5	47	22	29
Uni of Q'ld	22	12	5	5	43	20	29
Brighton	22	10	4	8	51	34	24
RAAF Amberley	22	10	2	10	46	35	22
Grange Thistle	22	7	7	8	36	29	21
Fairfield Rovers	22	8	5	9	42	42	21
Albany Creek	22	7	7	8	38	43	21
Booval Stars	22	6	4	12	14	33	16
Annerley	22	3	4	15	21	51	10
North Brisbane	22	2	1	19	13	107	5

Division 4	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
North Star	22	15	3	4	55	22	33
Slacks Creek	22	13	4	5	67	23	30
Greenbank	22	14	2	6	52	22	30
Taringa Rovers	22	12	4	6	53	31	28
Valley Trident	22	11	5	6	59	34	27
Mitchelton	22	10	5	7	44	35	25
Samford Rangers	22	9	2	11	36	53	20
Moggill United	22	7	5	10	40	64	19
Leichhardt Eagles	22	8	2	12	36	32	18
Rosedale Rovers	22	6	4	12	32	46	16
South Star	22	6	4	12	32	51	16
North Pine United	22	1	—	21	20	113	2



Mount Gravatt Soccer Club, QSF Premier League Premiers, 1983
 Back Row, (left to right): Bruce McPherson (President), James McIntyre, Christopher Corcoran, Bill Newman (Director and Manager), Craig Dickson, Eric Shepherd (Strapper), Ross Peachy, Timothy Taylor
 Front Row, (left to right): Graham Box, Noel Davis, Cameron Bell, Barry Nevin (Secretary/Treasurer), Eric Thompson (Coach), Stewart Woodruffe, Michael Rooney (Coach), Bill Wallace

Division 5	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Beenleigh	22	18	3	1	82	21	39
Ipswich City	22	16	3	3	78	28	35
The Gap Pastime	22	14	5	3	43	14	33
Inala City	22	13	5	4	41	27	31
Logan City	22	12	—	10	62	50	24
Griffith Uni	19	9	2	8	43	37	20
Fairfield Rovers	22	8	2	12	42	52	18
Brighton	20	8	—	12	42	35	16
Oxley United	22	5	4	13	31	52	14
Clairvaux	20	4	4	12	39	52	12
Samford Rangers	21	4	3	14	22	59	11
Wacol Wanderers	22	1	1	20	20	118	3

Division 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Willowburn	22	19	2	1	89	16	40
Kingsridge	22	16	3	3	58	31	35
Uni of Q'ld	22	14	2	6	51	30	30
Newmarket	22	13	3	6	68	32	29
Acacia Ridge	22	11	1	10	49	46	23
Caboolture	22	8	5	9	38	41	21
Albany Creek	22	9	3	10	38	50	21
Slacks Creek	22	9	2	11	39	40	20
Booval Stars	22	6	5	11	40	73	17
RAAF Amberley	22	4	3	15	37	76	11
St. Helens United	22	4	2	16	15	50	10
Virginia	22	3	1	18	27	64	7

Division 7	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Capalaba	22	17	1	4	80	19	35
Wynnum	22	16	3	3	79	29	35
Redlands United	22	12	6	4	74	32	30
Ipswich City	22	10	7	5	54	37	27
Uni of Q'ld	22	10	4	8	44	28	24
Grange Thistle	22	9	5	8	40	35	23
Toowong	22	8	4	10	44	46	20
Greenbank	22	9	2	11	42	51	20
Beenleigh	22	8	4	10	44	60	20
South Star	22	8	3	11	38	50	19
Logan City	22	4	1	17	35	81	9
Leichhardt Eagles	22	1	—	21	16	122	2

Premier Colts	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Acacia Ridge	22	13	5	4	58	17	31
Ipswich United	22	13	3	6	49	21	29
Mount Gravatt	22	12	5	5	48	20	29
Brisbane Lions	22	12	4	6	50	22	28
Eastern Suburbs	22	12	4	6	33	23	28
Taringa Rovers	22	11	4	7	34	23	26
Grange Thistle	22	9	6	7	32	26	24
Valley Trident	22	7	6	9	33	44	20
Brisbane City	21	8	2	11	36	30	18
Olympic United	22	4	5	13	20	43	13
North Star	21	3	1	17	15	71	7
Sunnyside United	20	3	1	16	18	86	7

Colts A	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Newmarket	22	17	4	1	82	13	38
Wynnum	22	15	6	1	97	19	36
Salisbury	22	13	4	5	43	32	30
Capalaba	22	12	4	6	63	30	28
Redcliffe City	22	10	3	9	40	38	23
The Gap Pastime	22	10	3	9	33	34	23
Redlands United	22	9	3	10	21	27	21
Mitchelton	22	9	2	11	40	47	20
Kenmore Rangers	22	9	1	12	56	61	19
North Brisbane	22	7	3	12	32	52	17
Annerley	22	4	1	17	19	99	9
Caboolture	22	—	—	22	0	74	0

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Great Victory over Blues

For many Queensland soccer fans, the highlight of the Centenary season was, without doubt, the State side's great victory over old rivals New South Wales.

Prior to the match, the two sides had met on 70 occasions. New South Wales having won 44, Queensland 17. Nine games had been drawn.

Surprisingly, it had been 26 years since Queensland had defeated the Blues, that being a 3-1 victory in Brisbane.

Seven internationals

Although the Queensland squad, coached by Bruce Stowell, approached the game with a great deal of confidence, many of their fans were apprehensive.

Johnny Watkiss' Blues team contained seven current members of the Socceroo squad — including Australian captain, John Kosmina.

Local fans need not have worried. From the opening whistle, Queensland outplayed their rivals. It was almost 10 minutes before home goalkeeper, Kim Wishart, touched the ball. Throughout the game, he did not have a great deal to do but, when required, he performed brilliantly.

Opening goal

Queensland's first goal came just after half an hour's play. NSW defender, David Radcliffe, handled in the penalty area. Referee Bill Monteverde pointed immediately to the spot, and Russell Stewart gave Blues keeper, Greg Woodhouse, no chance with a powerfully struck penalty kick.



Photo courtesy Courier-Mail

Four minutes later, Danny Wright added a second goal after an Alan Niven free kick had rebounded from a defensive wall of players.

Not enough for some!

By half-time, with Queensland 2-0 up and playing so well, the fans had little to worry about. But a few did!

They remembered the last clash between the two sides at Perry Park in 1978 when Queensland had been 2-0 up well into the second half, only to concede two late goals for the match to finish a 2-2 draw.

Such pessimistic concerns were totally unnecessary. Two minutes into the second half, Bobby Hamilton added a third goal for Queensland. From then on, a resounding home victory was never in doubt.

QUEENSLAND

Kim Wishart
Steve Perry
Peter Tokesi
Frank Liddell
Alan Niven
Russell Stewart
Frank Pimblett (c)
Bobby Hamilton
Danny Wright
Steve Glockner
Allan Hughes

Subs used

Steve Hogg
(for Glockner)

Coach:

Bruce Stowell

Referee: Bill Monteverde

Linesmen: Alan Kibbler, Gordon Nicholson

NEW SOUTH WALES

Greg Woodhouse
Rob Wheatley
Michael O'Shea
Arno Bertonga
David Radcliffe
Peter Stone
Peter Katholos
Paul Kay
John Kosmina (c)
Phil O'Connor
Mark Jankovics

Subs used

Graham Jennings
(for Wheatley)
Marshall Soper
(for O'Connor)

Coach:

Johnny Watkiss



Photo courtesy Daily Sun

LEFT: Danny Wright scores the second of Queensland's three goals against New South Wales. ABOVE: Some of the victorious Queensland players celebrate after the interstate game.

'83 Round-Up

SECOND MEDAL GOES TO SWAN

Grange Thistle midfielder, Ken Swan, became the first soccer player to win the Rothmans Gold Medal twice when he won the 1983 award with 19 points. Swan also won the 1982 medal with a total of 27 points.

Swan won the 1983 award by two points from Brisbane Lions, Michael Mulvey, a former Manchester United youth team player who moved to Australia at the start of the '83 season.

Third place went to Mount Gravatt player-coach, Eric Thompson, who earned 16 points.

Nearly changed clubs

Swan won the 1982 award while playing on loan to Capricornia in the State League.

It had been thought that he would join Brisbane City's National League squad for the Centenary season, but Thistle and City could not agree on a suitable transfer fee.

Unlucky

One of the unluckiest players in the medal count was Olympic captain Mark McNaughton.

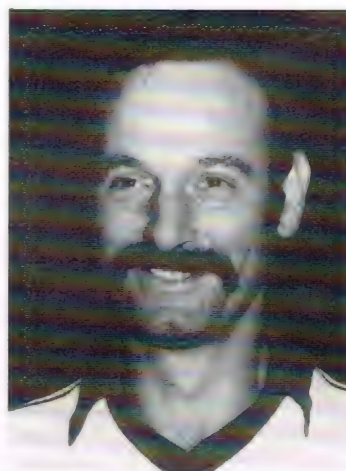
An early leader, McNaughton's chance of winning the medal was ruined when he broke an ankle playing against Grange Thistle on 20 August.



Ken Swan receives his 1983 Gold Medal from the Queensland Manager of Rothmans, Des Hancock.

LEADING REFEREE

Queensland's centenary soccer season was a memorable one for referee Bill Monteverde. As well as being voted the State's top 'whistler', he was also highly placed in the national award. Not surprisingly, Bill is one of Queensland's two nominations for consideration for a coveted FIFA badge. The State's other nominee is Alan Kibbler, winner of the Queensland referee's award in both 1981 and 1982. The



Bill Monteverde

Photo courtesy *Sunday Mail*

award is based on ARSF Inspector's reports throughout the season, plus votes of the panel selected by the ARSF (Queensland Division) to adjudicate on the matter. Other recent winners include Dave Nugent (1980) and Col Amos (1979).

AMPOL CUP

The large Australian oil company, Ampol, has been a prominent sponsor of Queensland soccer since 1959, when Oxley United won the inaugural Ampol Cup.

In 1983, 49 teams from all parts of the State entered the competition. The Final ended in a 2-0 victory for Ipswich United over Mount Gravatt.

QANTAS CUP

Australia's international airline, Qantas, has sponsored a highly popular lower division knock-out cup competition for several seasons.

In 1983, competing teams came from the Premier Reserve; First and Second Reserve; and all lower Divisions including Colts. In the Final, between two Premier Division Reserve sides, Grange Thistle defeated Taringa 4-2.

THE XXXX TOURNAMENT

Castlemaine Perkins, brewers of XXXX, sponsored a new pre-season competition which began in 1983. Winners of the inaugural trophy were the Brisbane City National League team who, in the Final, defeated their Lions counterparts 6-1.

Olympic's Final in Injury Time

An Andy Ogden header in the third minute of injury time earned victory for Olympic United over Brisbane Lions in the 1983 QSF Grand Final, played at Perry Park on Sunday 9 October.

The game was one of the closest soccer Grand Finals played in Brisbane for many years. With the teams never more than one goal apart, the 3000 fans were kept in suspense for the entire game.

Player of the match was Olympic midfielder Paul Laslo. The 33-year-old former Lions National League player joined Olympic from Taringa midway through the 1983 season.

Laslo, who dominated the midfield from the opening whistle, put Olympic back on equal terms with a superbly struck goal 19 minutes into the second half.

First goal

Olympic had taken the lead through a Tom McGregor goal in the 25th minute. His left foot shot gave the diving Lions goalkeeper, Nigel Lownds, no chance.

Four minutes later, Lions equalised. Jim McDonagh won the ball near the half-way line, passed to Barry Kelso, then raced into the Olympic penalty area to stroke the return pass past a helpless Mick Calogerakis.

McDonagh again

Early in the second half, McDonagh scored again for Lions. The score remained 2-1 until Laslo's equaliser.

With the final well into the time added on for stoppages, a replay seemed the likely outcome.

Suddenly, the ball was played out to Olympic winger Craig Low. After cleverly evading three Lions defenders,

OLYMPIC UNITED

1 Mick Calogerakis
16 George Vasiliou
3 Nick Kriticou
7 Peter Tyson
8 Graham Wilson (c)
12 Andrew Lambi
5 Paul Laslo
6 Andrew Ogden
10 Craig Low
11 Tom McGregor
9 Alex Dick
Reserves
2 Craig Schneider
14 Bill Mylonas
17 Peter Polichronis
20 Geoff Daunt

Coach:
Con Tharenou

Referee: Bill Monteverde

Linesmen: Alan Kibbler, Bill Turkington

BRISBANE LIONS

1 Nigel Lownds
6 Terry Roe
3 Shane Plazibatt
4 Steve Jackson (c)
5 Andy Lee
13 R. Bassingthwaighte
7 Mike Mulvey
8 Steve Fulton
9 David Allen
10 Barry Kelso
11 Jim McDonagh
Reserves
12 Bradley Kearton
14 Frank Byrne
20 Greg Marshall

Coach:
Iain Kesson

Low flighted a perfect cross to the far post where Ogden was waiting. The young striker's well-placed header made the score 3-2. The final whistle sounded shortly afterwards.



The Olympic players pictured with the Grand Final trophy. Man of the Match, Paul Laslo, is pictured top left.

Photo courtesy *Telegraph*

National League Report

The 1983 season proved to be a disappointing one for Queensland's two National League sides, Brisbane City and Brisbane Lions.

Brisbane City

After a promising start, City, coached by Jim Hermiston, gradually slipped down the League to finish third from bottom with 33 points from 30 games. This was, however, an improvement on the previous season when City finished at the bottom of the table.

A more encouraging point for City was the introduction, towards the end of the season, of several promising younger players. These products of the Club's youth scheme will hopefully form the nucleus of a stronger City side in future seasons.

Brisbane Lions

The position at the bottom of the National League, vacated by City, was taken by Lions who had a very disappointing season, rarely moving away from the bottom two or three places.

The arrival of new coach, Simon Kistenmaker, at the beginning of the 1983 season heralded the departure of several of the players who had helped Lions to a mid-table position the previous season. Not helped by injuries to several of the remaining players, Lions won only six of their 30 games.

One of these victories, a surprising 4-0 win over local rivals Brisbane City, provided one of Lions few highlights during the season.

Even the signing of former Manchester United and Ireland star, George Best, for three guest appearances failed to produce any improvement in Lion's performances. Best showed occasional glimpses of his old ball skills, but his work-rate was very low.



George Best in action for Brisbane Lions.

Photo courtesy Courier-Mail

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
St George	30	15	10	5	47	27	55
Sydney City	30	15	9	6	48	30	54
Preston	30	15	7	8	47	32	52
Sth Melbourne	30	15	7	8	44	36	52
Newcastle	30	14	7	9	45	26	49
Heidelberg	30	11	10	9	39	38	43
Olympic	30	12	5	13	38	36	41
Leichhardt	30	11	6	13	43	36	39
Marconi	30	9	11	10	43	41	38
Canberra	30	11	5	14	47	53	38
Adelaide City	30	10	6	14	37	38	36
Footscray	30	9	9	12	25	42	36
West Adelaide	30	7	12	11	25	37	33
Brisbane City	30	8	9	13	33	50	33
Wollongong	30	4	15	11	41	55	27
Brisbane Lions	30	6	8	16	36	61	26

SIX QUEENSLANDERS IN NATIONAL SQUADS

The Centenary season of Queensland soccer coincided with the State's greatest representation in Australian squads for several years.

Young Socceroos

Four Queenslanders were chosen in the Australian Youth squad for the 1983 World Youth Championships in Mexico. They were Russell Stewart and Danny Wright (Brisbane Lions), Steven Glockner (Brisbane City) and Frank Farina (Mareeba).

Although the Young Socceroos failed to reach the Final of the Youth Championships, they did achieve some good results notably a victory over the then European champions, Scotland.

Senior National Squad

Brisbane City defender, Steve Perry, and goalkeeper, Kim Wishart, were both chosen in the Australian squad for the three-match series against England played in June 1983.

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Refereeing in Queensland

A brief report on refereeing in Queensland prepared from material supplied by Gordon Nicholson, Secretary, Australian Soccer Referees Federation, Queensland Division

There is no record of when referees definitely began officiating in Queensland soccer games. It seems likely that they have officiated from the very beginning 100 years ago, but it was not until 1910 that the first local referees' association, the Queensland Soccer Football Referees Association, was formed.

National body

Organisation of referees remained on a State level until 1964, when all the States bodies joined to form the present body, the Australian Soccer Referees Federation.

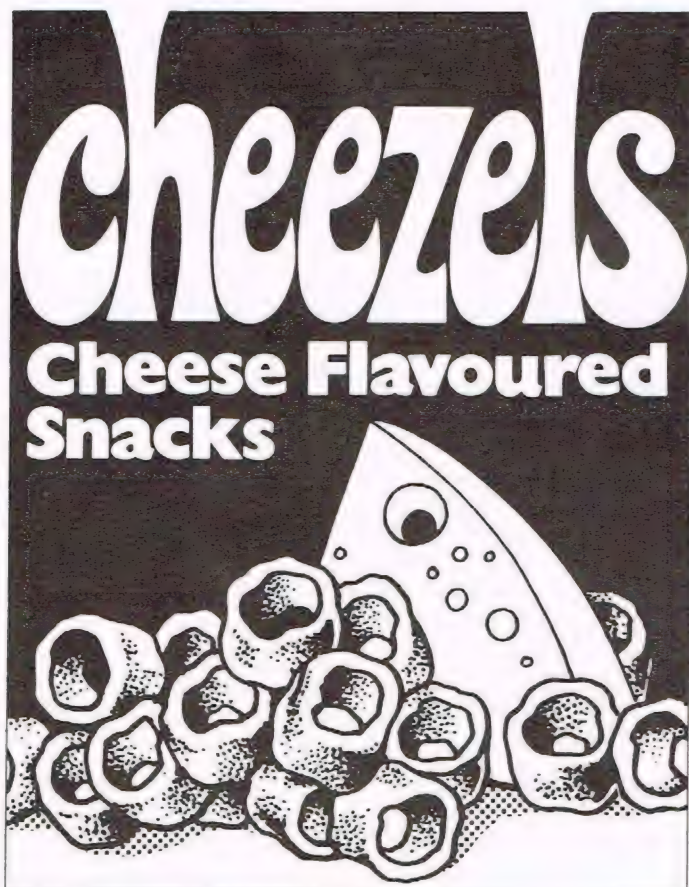
The delay in founding a national body is regarded by many as one of the main reasons why only three Queenslanders — Bill Malcolm, Vince Dobinson and, more recently, Des Miles — have been awarded a FIFA badge.

Other fine Queensland whistlers who never achieved the recognition many believe they deserved include Jim Perotte, Fred Grimes and Reg Gregor.



The most recent of Queensland's three FIFA referees, Des Miles pictured with his FIFA badge. Des retired from refereeing in 1982.

Photo courtesy Courier-Mail



In short supply

As is the case nowadays, referees have often been in short supply. Nevertheless, despite some of the problems today's officials encounter, their task seems more financially rewarding than that of many of their predecessors.

In the late 1930s and early '40s, for example, referees were paid seven shillings and linesmen only nine pence. Yes, nine pence!

In those days, the return tram fare to most grounds was six pence, leaving the linesman with a net return of three pence. Which, when one remembers that most new officials were expected to spend at least three years 'running a line' before graduating to the middle, meant that becoming a referee was certainly not likely to attract anyone keen to make a little money 'on the side'.

Today's referees

Refereeing in the 1980's may be a little more financially rewarding than it was 40 years ago, but it is still a love of the game which motivates most people to 'take up the whistle'.

Few people realise that it is often more time consuming than playing as it is sometimes necessary to officiate in three or four games in one weekend. There is also training to be fitted in and, quite often, mid-week trial or cup games.

For those interested, more information on refereeing in Queensland is available from Gordon Nicholson, tel.: (07) 343 2169.

Junior Soccer in Queensland

A report by Stan Dye, 1983 President, Queensland Junior Soccer Council

The Queensland Junior Soccer Council and its predecessors in the administration of junior soccer in Queensland form a fairly recent part of the history of the code in this State.

Soccer at the junior level has, of course, been played in Queensland for many years. Unfortunately, complete records of the history of the 'juniors' are not readily available.

Under 18 years

The term 'junior' is used presently to refer to players who are, in the main, under the age of 18 years; but there are fewer and fewer players who remain in the junior ranks past the age of 16 years.

In the early days of soccer in Queensland, the term 'junior' referred to players who were aged up to 30 years — provided that they had not played First Division soccer. It is difficult on this basis to compare junior soccer and its development with the junior code as we know it today.

Formed in 1913

It is interesting to note that the Oxley Junior Soccer Club started in 1913 with 11 players (no reserves), who competed in the First Grade Junior Division. Oxley are still a major Junior club in the Brisbane Southern District of the QJSC.

The formation of the Brisbane Junior Soccer Association in 1923 was an important milestone in the progress of the 'juniors', and junior soccer was firmly established in the period leading up to World War II.

Post World War II

In the years immediately following World War II, with the return to normality, the junior section of the code commenced a period of growth which has continued to the present day.

The combined effects of population growth through migration; improved transport and communications; and, in particular, developments in the electronic media; popularised soccer to an extent not previously experienced in the game's history.

In the post-war period, soccer at the junior level, with its own administration, was founded in nearly every major Queensland country centre. Coupled with this spread of the game on a locality basis, great progress was made in the Brisbane metropolitan area.

Some idea of this growth can be gained from the foundation dates of the following Queensland junior clubs and associations: Bundaberg 1948, Ayr 1955, Toowoomba 1958, Mackay 1961, Maryborough 1965, Townsville 1966, and Herbert River 1967.

In the metropolitan area, the growth was equally spectacular. Some of the notable junior clubs founded during the same period include Annerley Stars 1946, Grange Thistle 1947, Taringa 1949, The Gap Pastimes 1958, Souths

United 1958, Mt Gravatt 1960, Acacia Ridge 1963, and Redcliffe 1964.

School Soccer

In addition to the growth of junior club soccer, there was during the same period a similar growth in schoolboy soccer in many parts of the State. The growth, at both levels, created a movement towards representative competitions between districts and associations.

The first major competition of this type was the Gino Paris Trophy inaugurated by the Queensland Primary Schools Soccer Football Association with the assistance of Innisfail businessman Gino Paris, who donated a magnificent trophy. The competition is still conducted annually by the Queensland Junior Soccer Council amongst its four Northern Queensland zones.



One of the many top prospects now being developed through the Queensland Junior Soccer Council is Jason Polak (pictured) aged 16.

Jason had trials with leading English club Liverpool in November 1983 and, at the time of going to press, was expected to join pop star Elton John's team Watford as an apprentice professional.

Watford are in the English First Division.

Photo courtesy Courier-Mail

In 1974, a second schoolboy soccer competition was established. It was named after schoolboy soccer pioneer Harry Linning, whose 'career summary' is listed in the 'Personalities' section of this booklet. The competition is presently conducted by the QJSC amongst its four Southern Queensland zones.

Formation of the QJSC

The need for an all-embracing administration to oversee junior soccer in Queensland became increasingly obvious throughout the late 1960s and early 1970s. During the period of rapid growth, there were several attempts to set up a suitable body but, for a variety of reasons, it was not until 1976 that one was formed. That body is the Queensland Junior Soccer Council.

The QJSC, which consists of seven country and two metropolitan zones, administers junior soccer on a broad base. The detailed organisation of inter-club and inter-association soccer remains in the hands of the local bodies.

The QJSC stages intra-state competitions between zones and organises State representative teams to compete in the

national championships at under-13, -14 and -15 level. The Council can boast that it is the only State junior body in Australia which encompasses the entire State.

In the eight years of growth since its inception, Queensland junior teams have been runners-up in two national championships and have won the 1983 championship in the under-15 age group. Whilst these results do not appear overspectacular, the achievements take on a greater standing when they are considered in light of the physical distances involved in organising training and preparation of the State's junior teams.

During the period 1976-1983, 230 boys have represented the State - drawn from areas as widespread as Mareeba and Mt Isa in the North and West, and Coolangatta on the Southern border - from a total strength of approximately 30 000 players.

The QJSC is looking forward to playing a greater role in Queensland soccer during the next 100 years. Looking back, we pay tribute to the pioneers who have gone before us, without their efforts the code would not have reached its present high standard.

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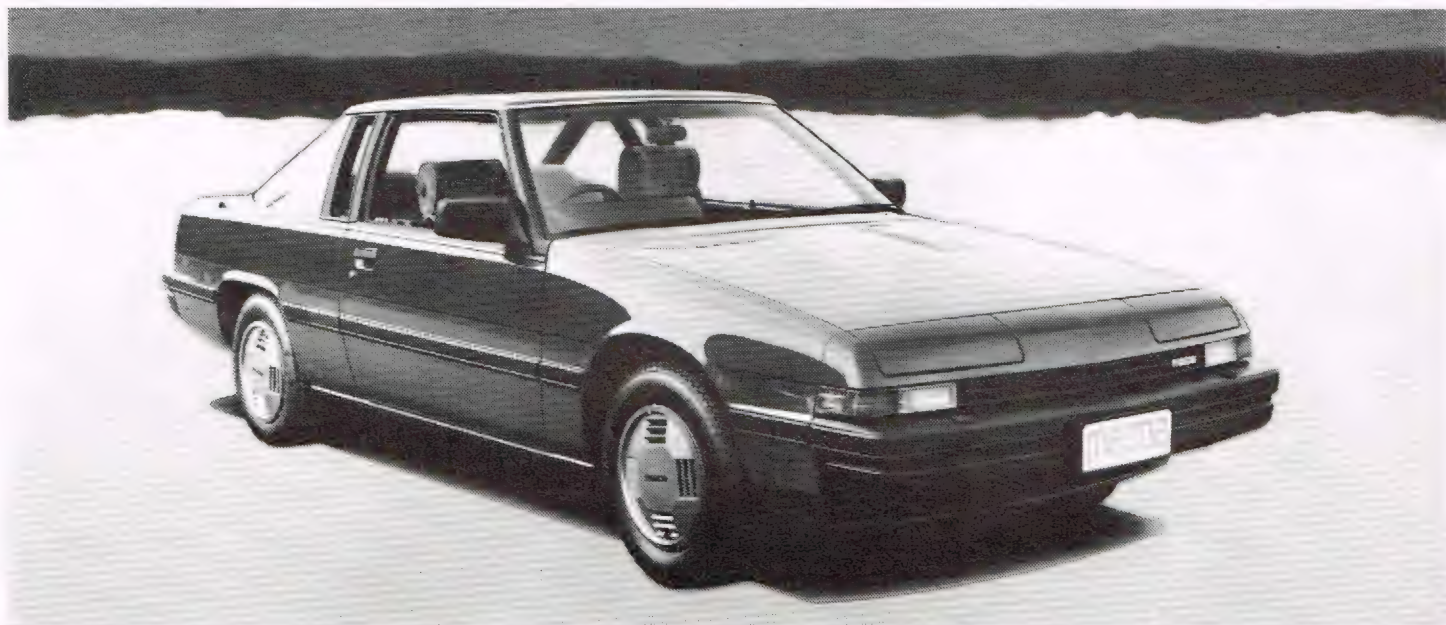
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Women's Soccer

A report by Marise Stevens, Publicity Officer, South Queensland Women's Soccer Association.

Women have been playing soccer fixtures in Brisbane from as early as 1964, under the auspices of the Brisbane Junior Soccer Association.

In 1974, when the BJSA decided to split into two smaller groups as numbers were increasing at such a rapid rate, there were eight women's teams playing fixtures in the Brisbane area. A committee was, therefore, formed to control ladies soccer under the jurisdiction of the BJSA. That same year, the first Queensland ladies soccer team travelled to the national championships.

SQWSA formed

Women's soccer 'came of age' in this State in 1975 when the South Queensland Women's Soccer Association was formed as an autonomous body with 16 teams.

Since then, numbers have grown at a steady rate so that there are now more than 1000 women and girls playing soccer in South Queensland and the seven affiliated country associations located from the Gold Coast to Bundaberg.

State Championships

State championships are held each June. Teams from centres as far apart as Townsville and the Gold Coast participate. A South Queensland team is chosen during the titles to travel to the national championships, which are held in a different State capital city each year.

National title winners

In 1982, the national championships were held in Brisbane. South Queensland won the title for the first time. Six members of the winning team went on to win Australian honours.

In 1983, South Queensland defended their title in Perth. Despite remaining undefeated in their matches, the South Queensland team could only finish runners-up to New South Wales, who were also undefeated, but drew only one match — whereas South Queensland played two draws.

Good facilities

The SQWSA is the first and, so far, only women's soccer association to own its own grounds. These are situated in the northern Brisbane suburb of Geebung and include two top class playing fields and an amenities and canteen block, which will be fully paid for within two years.

The South Queensland Women's Soccer Association is an associate affiliate of the Queensland Soccer Federation.



Action from the 1982 Australian Women's Soccer Championships, played in Brisbane. Two South Australian players close in on South Queensland's Connie Byrnes (wearing headband). Watching closely is South Queensland's Sue Monteath.

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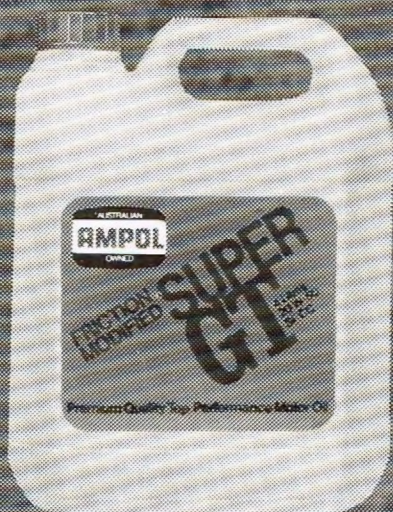
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